

NEW HAMPSHIRITES ARE READY FOR A NEW DIRECTION

Under the leadership of President Bush and his Republican allies in Congress, life has become more difficult for New Hampshire residents. Here are some of the ways that life has become less affordable and secure in New Hampshire. Democrats are working for real security, better jobs, college access for all, energy independence, affordable health care, and retirement security. It's time for a new direction in New Hampshire.

INCOME: NEW HAMPSHIRITES ARE BARELY EARNING MORE TODAY THAN THEY WERE FIVE YEARS AGO

- In 2000, the median income in New Hampshire was \$55,839.¹
- In 2005, the median income in New Hampshire was \$57,850, an increase of 3.6 percent.²

HEALTH CARE: THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE HAS GROWN UNDER BUSH REPUBLICANS

- In 2000, New Hampshire had 102,000 adults without insurance (8.4 percent).³
- In 2005, New Hampshire had 135,000 adults without insurance (10.3 percent).⁴
- New Hampshire had 11,892 children benefit from the SCHIP Program.⁵

EDUCATION: THE COST OF COLLEGE CONTINUES TO RISE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

- In 2001, tuition at a public four-year institution in New Hampshire was \$11,717.⁶ In 2005, it was \$14,651, a 25 percent increase.⁷
- In 2001, tuition at a private four-year institution in New Hampshire was \$24,525.⁸ In 2005, it was \$29,728, a 21 percent increase.⁹
- Number of New Hampshire residents affected by the lapse of the College Tuition Tax Deduction – 18,336¹⁰
- Number of New Hampshire residents affected by the lapse of the Educator Expenses Tax Deduction – 19,343¹¹

GAS PRICES: THE HIGH COST OF GAS CONTINUES TO BE A BURDEN FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS

- In 2001, the average cost of gas in New Hampshire was \$1.468 a gallon.¹²
- Today the average cost of gas in New Hampshire is \$2.392 a gallon.¹³
- In 2001, the average annual cost of gas for a household in New Hampshire was \$2,277.¹⁴
- Today the average annual cost of gas for a household in New Hampshire is \$3,710, \$1,433 (62.9 percent) more than it was in 2001.¹⁵

SOCIAL SECURITY: NEW HAMPSHIRITES DON'T WANT AN END TO SOCIAL SECURITY

- Number of Social Security Beneficiaries in New Hampshire – 219,080¹⁶
- Average Monthly Benefit per Beneficiary in New Hampshire – \$902¹⁷

IRAQ, TROOPS AND VETERANS: NEW HAMPSHIRITES ON THE FRONT LINES

- Number of New Hampshirites killed in Iraq – 13¹⁸
- Number of New Hampshirites wounded in Iraq – 139¹⁹
- Number of New Hampshirites killed in Afghanistan – 4²⁰
- Number of New Hampshirites wounded in Afghanistan – 7²¹
- Number of Veterans in New Hampshire – 131,074²²

REPUBLICANS CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR GIVEAWAYS FOR A WEALTHY MINORITY WHILE IGNORING NEW HAMPSHIRE'S MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS

- Only 168 estates in New Hampshire paid an Estate Tax in 2004.²³
- Only 22 estates in New Hampshire will benefit from the Estate Tax cut in 2009.²⁴

CRIME: FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY POLICING DISAPPEARING

- Amount of COPS Funding Dispersed in 2002 – 7,484,962²⁵
- Amount of COPS Funding Dispersed in 2006 – 5,676,269²⁶

TAX CUTS: BUSH TAX POLICIES BENEFIT THE WEALTHIEST NEW HAMPSHIRITES

The Bush tax cuts have overwhelmingly benefited the wealthiest New Hampshirites.

- In 2001, the richest one percent of New Hampshire residents each received an average of \$3,115 in tax cuts, while middle class New Hampshire residents received only \$441.²⁷
- In 2006, the richest one percent of New Hampshire residents will receive an average of \$51,491 in tax cuts, while middle class New Hampshire residents will only receive \$897.²⁸
- In 2010, under the Bush tax plan, the richest one percent of New Hampshire residents will each receive an average of \$99,061 in tax cuts, while middle class New Hampshire residents will only receive \$996.²⁹

The richest New Hampshirites receive an ever-growing share of the Bush tax cut.

- In 2001, the richest New Hampshire residents received 6.4 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class received 17.6 percent of the tax cut.³⁰
- But, in 2006, the richest New Hampshire residents will get 27.9 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class will get 9.8 percent of the tax cut.³¹
- And, in 2010, the richest New Hampshire residents will get 49.0 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class will get 9.9 percent of the tax cut.³²

Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts overwhelmingly benefit the wealthiest New Hampshire residents.

- In 2010, the richest New Hampshire residents will receive an average of \$18,076 from the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts. That means the richest New Hampshire residents will be getting over 52.3 percent of all of the tax cut benefit.³³
- In contrast, in 2010, middle class New Hampshire residents will receive an average of \$72 from the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts. That's just 4.1 percent of the benefit going to the middle class.³⁴

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